which met in New Delhi from 29th to 31st August, 1988 decided to launch a phased agitation comprising of signature compaign, rallies and mass casual leave etc. to press its demand for immediate implementation of Chattopadhyaya Commission recommendations, including revison of pay scales and other demands The Kendiya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not so far come to know of any agitation. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan feels that the Joint Consultative Machinery for the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been set up and this provides the forum for consultation between the Association and the Kendriya Vidyalava Sangathan. The Association should discuss its demands there before thinking of an agitation.

Hardship to the passengers due to delayed air flights

715. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the late running of air-flights has recorded a sharp increase, causing hardship to the passengers;

(b) what are the areas of operation where such late running has been found to be chronic over the last three months and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that coupled with late arrival, the baggage clearance takes nearly one to one and a half hours and this enhances the agony of the passengers; and

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated to improve punctuality and to cut down the baggage clearance time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In the recent past there has beeen an increase in delays due mainly to consequential causes.

(c) Baggage clearance normally less than takes 20 minutes. On a few occasions baggage clearances may have taken longer.

(d) All delays are reviewed regularly by the airlines and steps to reduce delays are taken Recently Indian Airlines have revised its schedule and creased stand-by aircraft capacity cushions at base stations with a view to minimising delays.

Development of wild life tourism

716. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any scheme for the development of wild life tourism;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for the development of wild life tourism during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in general and in 1988-89 in particular; and

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to promote wild life tourism, State-wise, during the current financial year, as well as well as during the remaining period of the current Five Year Plan?

THE MNISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to promote love for nature and outdoors, among the foreign and domestic tourists, this Ministry provides funds for the creation of tourist facilities at selected national parks/wild life sanctuaries The facilities include construction of forest lodges and provision of mini-buses, elephants etc. for veiwing the variety of wild life at various national parks and sanctuaries scattered throughout the country.

(c) An amount of Rs. 200 00 lakhs has been allocated for the development of Wild Life tourism during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, out of which Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been allocated for 1988-89.

(d) During the current financial year, funds have been released for the completion of on-going projects of construction of Forest Lodge at National Parks at Jaisalmer, Ranakpur and Ranthambore in